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Dear Sir or Madam:

**RE: VANCOUVER ISLAND YOUTH LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION BURSARY**

Please accept my application for the Vancouver Island Youth Leadership Association Bursary. Currently, I am in Grade 12 at Edward Milne Community School. I plan to attend full time classes at the University of Victoria in September 2003. My chosen field of study will be science, with an emphasis on biology and chemistry.

In school, I have been an active member of EMCS Leadership for the past three years, and this year I was elected Treasurer. I am also involved with FACT, the Field and Community Track Committee, where I act as a student representative. I have been involved in both of our school musicals, as a member of stage crew for "Grease" and as stage manager for "FAME!" During my secondary school years, I have maintained a 4.0 grade point average, achieving honour roll and effort roll standings. I am a PACE student and have received awards for school service, science, English, and math, as well as the top academic student award.

My interests outside school include horseback riding, figure skating, and the visual arts. I have been figure skating for the past twelve years, and for the past four years I have volunteered as a coach, teaching children basic skating skills. I have taken several art courses at EMCS, and I enjoy drawing, painting, photography, and screen-printing. My interest in art encouraged me to volunteer for community events such as the Sooke Fine Arts Show and the Sooke Fall Fair. I have also participated in other activities such as the ICBC Road Sense Youth Seminar and the Grad Fashion Show.

Currently, I am employed at the EMCS cafeteria, where I work as a cashier. I have completed my work experience hours in a variety of areas, such as the Royal BC Museum, Munro's Books, and the Open Learning Agency. Last year, I won a spot in the Heart and Stroke Foundation High School Summer Research Program. During this program, I had the opportunity to work in a medical laboratory in the Department of Pathology at UBC. Here I was able to study under a researcher in a real laboratory setting where I gained an interest in pursuing research as a possible career. This program gave me valuable experience in research techniques, lab safety, and public speaking.

Both my twin brother and I are graduating this year, and the costs of post-secondary education will put considerable financial strain on my family. Because the tuition fees in British Columbia are rising, I will be in need of monetary aid in order to attend university. Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Sincerely,

Tony Lanthier